

Amendments to the Specification:

Please enter the attached sequence listing of AAK06214 and CRF version thereof to the present specification.

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1-11. (Cancelled).

12. (Currently Amended) An expression cassette comprising:

a) a bacterial promoter, p_{Zn} , comprising a binding site for the *Lactococcus lactis* ZitR protein, which site comprises the following sequence:

AAAAATAANGTNNNNNNNTTGACATTATTTT

(SEQ ID NO:1)

in which TTGACA is the -35 box of said promoter, and N represents A, C, G or T; and

b) a sequence encoding a polypeptide with at least 80% 85% identity with the a *Lactococcus lactis* ZitR protein encoded by nucleotide 357-794 of SEQ ID NO: 9, placed under